

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully submit that no prohibited new matter has been introduced by this Preliminary Amendment and that claims 18 to 20 are drawn to the same invention as claims 1-7 of International Application PCT/FR00/00613. The changes to the claims represent changes in formalities so as to bring the claims into compliance with the rules of practice in the United States, such as: "use" claims are not a recognized category of invention (see original claims 2, 6 and 7); to provide established claim terminology to describe the intended scope of the claims, i.e. incorporation of the terms "comprising" and "wherein" rather than "containing" and "characterized in that" (see claims 1-7); to avoid improper multiple dependency (see claims 5 and 7) and to correct grammar such as noun placement and tense (see all of the original claims). In addition, claims 19 and 20 have been added to include two specific embodiments of the contemplated treatment methods. Support for these embodiments may be found throughout the specification and particularly on page 5, lines 16-34.

If there are any additional fees due in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0310.

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